

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 671

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Betty R. Modrall of
Columbia.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Betty R. Modrall; and

WHEREAS, Betty R. Modrall was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Memphis to John L. and Margaret C. Hartzog Rewis, Betty R. Modrall grew up in Mt. Pleasant and was a graduate of Hay Long High School and Columbia Business College; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and alacrity as the city recorder for the City of Columbia, where she earned the respect of the staff and community alike for the superior quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Modrall began her career with the City of Columbia in 1956 as a clerk and bookkeeper; she was promoted to city recorder/finance director and served in that capacity until a new finance director was hired in 1995; she continued in her role as city recorder, a position she held until her passing; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Modrall was a member of the Tennessee Government Finance Officers, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Records, which selected her as Most Distinguished Clerk in 1999 and Clerk of the Year in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Betty R. Modrall was deeply devoted to her family, always endeavoring to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Betty R. Modrall was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-nine years, Joe Tom Modrall, and a brother; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Modrall is survived by a brother, Jimmy, and a sister, Jean; and

WHEREAS, Betty R. Modrall leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Betty R. Modrall, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Modrall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.